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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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TO : Chief, PRS

DATE: 29 Nov 56

FROM : Chief, LAS

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #48

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. The Director of Logistics has invited [] to attend his staff meeting on 29 November to discuss language training opportunities for Logistics personnel.

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2. [] of EE reports, on his return from Europe, that the field will welcome a field survey by LAS personnel with a view to creation and administration by OTR of a systematic language training program in the field, and suggests that the survey be made anytime after the first of the year. We now are developing a survey plan for discussion with EE.

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3. [] will complete this week a draft of regulation to implement the Foreign Language Development Program requested by the DCI and approved by the Career Council.

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4. [] is conducting a mid-term reassessment of the ORR course "Handling Quantitative Data" which he initiated in early October. Discussions have been held with students and a conference has been arranged with Division Chiefs in Economic Research.

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5. We are appreciative of the fine assistance given us recently by [] toward satisfactorily solving our problem of reproducing language tapes. A survey of our needs was made by [] we have requirements in hand to reproduce 1504 tapes from our master copies. This requirement includes our internal needs and requests for support assistance from other components.

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6. [] met with [] to confirm space allocations for LAS personnel in the new building.

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7. [] reports that the Regional Survey, Soviet Bloc, terminated 16 November, with [] students in regular attendance and [] auditors. 20% of the instructional hours was devoted to guest speakers from the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, Army Map Service, Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, and Free

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Europe Committee; 30% was devoted to speakers from EE, OCI, ORR, OSI, and OTR; and the balance of 50% was handled by the principal instructor. The course culminated in a symposium which included a summary and general discussion of the critical international situation currently affecting this region. The presentation of this course proved to be well timed with world events.

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8. [] the JOT who has been assisting us on a project, is now back in formal training. We are pleased with the progress of his work and will welcome his services and others made available by C/JOTP.

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9. During the past week assistance was given: [], NEA, on training opportunities in the field of Journalism at institutions in the New York area; [] FE, on institutions affording training in Police Administration. [] also reciprocated by affording us leads on two colleges missing from our catalog files.

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10. Pending DCI approval of nominations for the Armed Forces Staff College and Harvard University, the usual preliminaries were completed with respect to providing data required by the institutions on our nominees for their respective programs beginning in early 1957. Because of the Career Council's recent action in simultaneously recommending candidates for both 1957 sessions at these schools, this last minute activity will be eliminated for the classes beginning next fall. However, it would appear highly desirable if the next annual consideration of candidates were scheduled for Career Council action in August or September to afford lead time for our AFSC candidate to have a [] prior to arrival and to extend some of the courtesies of personal planning time made available to all other Senior College selections.

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11. We have been asked to inform several candidates about the purpose and curriculum of Senior War Colleges prior to their being interviewed by the Agency Career Council.

12. The Language Sub-Committee meeting was held on 21 November. Plans were made for a series of weekly presentations to staff of LAS on linguistics and language teaching. The first presentation was Friday.

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15. [] transliterated and translated the title of a Burmese periodical for the OTR Library.

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16. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is [] in courses and [] in self-study. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of [] hours by [] students.

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